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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7116

BILL NUMBER: SB 520

DATE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana Commission on Abstinence Education.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		277,505	277,365
Net Increase (Decrease)		(277,505)	(277,365)

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Indiana Commission on Abstinence Education. The bill establishes a nine-member Commission and establishes the requirements and appointing authority for each member of the Commission. It provides that the term of a lay member is two years. The bill states that the State Department of Health shall provide the Commission with staff, administrative support, and office space for carrying out the purposes of this chapter. It also specifies topics about which the Commission is required to educate students, teachers, and the public concerning the benefits of abstaining from sexual activity before marriage. The bill also allows state employee members of the Commission to receive reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the member's Commission duties. It further allows legislative members of the Commission to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances as members of the General Assembly serving on interim study committees established by the Legislative Council. The bill provides that the Commission expires June 30, 2005.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires the Department of Health to undertake four functions that are estimated to have a combined fiscal impact of \$277,505 in FY 2002 and \$277,365 in FY 2003, as described below.

The bill establishes the nine-member Indiana Commission on Abstinence Education. The Commission is required to meet at least annually and is required to educate students, teachers and the public about the social, psychological, and health benefits realized from abstaining from sexual activity. The bill specifies that members of the Commission who are not state employees are entitled to salary per diem and traveling expenses. Commission members who are members of the General Assembly are entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislators serving on interim study committees. The bill also specifies that the State Department of Health shall provide the staff for the Commission. The Commission's annual expenses are estimated to be \$6,544.

The bill requires the Commission to plan and implement an annual state conference to provide abstinence education to the public. The Department of Health estimates that the conference would cost \$115,000 annually.

The bill specifies that the Department of Health is to provide the Commission with staff, administrative support and office space in order to carry out the mandate of the Commission to educate students, teachers and the public about the social, psychological, and health benefits realized from abstaining from sexual activity. The Department of Health estimates that two additional positions, a Health Planner and a Project Coordinator, will be necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission. Salaries and associated fringe benefits and other operating expenses are estimated to be \$112,711 in FY 2002 and \$112,571 in FY 2003. This estimate includes an assumed 4% January pay plan increase each year.

The bill also requires the Commission to educate teachers. The Department estimates that five regional workshops for teacher training on abstinence education would cost \$43,250 annually.

The required provisions with the associated estimated fiscal impacts are summarized in the table below.

Abstinence Education Provisions	FY 2002	FY 2003
Dept. of Health Staff & Support	112,711	112,571
Statewide Conference on Abstinence	115,000	115,000
Teacher Training Workshops	43,250	43,250
Commission Meeting Expenses	6,544	6,544
Total Estimated Expenses	277,505	277,365

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local school corporations.

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